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SMC Honors service of eight faculty members

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Dr. Anna Norris poses with Trustee Tracy Hertsel.

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — At their regular monthly meeting on September 11, Southwestern Michigan College trustees presented pins as they thanked eight faculty employees who were celebrating milestones ranging from five to 25 years of service to the college.

Dr. Anna Norris (Biology—25 years) has taught anatomy and physiology at SMC since fall 1999. She received her bachelor's degree in human biology and a doctorate in chiropractic from National College of Chiropractic, where she met her future husband, Larry. After graduating, the pair moved to Lawrence, Michigan, and opened a chiropractic clinic in the Kalamazoo area, though she turned to college teaching after several years. They raised three children and now live in Lawrence, Michigan, where they enjoy birding, biking and hiking.

Christi Young (Psychology/Sociology—20 years) has balanced her professional life with her role as a devoted wife and mother of two, embracing her identity as a die-hard sports mom. She has taught a diverse range of courses, including General Psychology, Human Growth and Development, Child Psychology, Marriage and the Family, Minority Groups in America, and Educational Explorations. Young is currently a third-year Ed.D. student in instructional systems technology at Indiana University.

Cliff "Chip" Weeks (Accounting—20 years) attended Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma and achieved a bachelor's degree in accounting. He then earned a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in finance at Western Michigan University, where he started his teaching career as a teaching graduate assistant. He has worked for Coopers and Lybrand in Honolulu, and prior to moving back to Michigan and

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New Edwardsburg iron filtration plant nears completion

By JUSTIN FLAGEL
Leader Publications Contributor

EDWARDSBURG — The Village of Edwardsburg is nearing the implementation of its new iron filtration plant.

Richard Low of the Department of Public Works reported to the Edwardsburg Village Council at their regular monthly meeting on Monday at the Edwardsburg Village Hall. Low stated that the regulatory approval letter was written and only in need of signatures from officials at the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy in order to close the approval loop on the long awaited project to assist in removing rust from the water of residents. He outlined the plans once the approval process is complete, which include operation of the plant in order to reveal and address any initial problems before completing the first system flush. Low noted that he hoped to have the flush complete before the beginning of leaf season, when village staff are busy vacuuming the autumn tree drops. Members of the council expressed relief at the near completion of the project.

Low also reported that village staff recently completed the painting of stripes on roads and were working on a list of areas in need of patching, as well as a list of trees in need of maintenance by contractors in the next year so that the council could budget for them. He also reported that signs marking the property lines of private citizens adjacent to public areas in Gunn Park would be installed this week.

The council also clarified language from the August meeting regarding the adoption of price increases for trash removal. The council had previously decided to maintain services with

Borden Waste-Away Service. Discussion of a change had arisen due to price increases from Borden, but trustees had elected to stay with the service after comparing it with other options. Though the decision had been made during the August meeting, the council brought it back to discussion to clarify the price increase for the record. Rates will increase for residents by one dollar each year for three years, which covers the difference paid by the village to Borden.

The Cemetery Board reported on several projects, including the planned installation of benches. Two benches had already been funded by donations, with the board hoping to install two more. They noted they were accepting donations from anyone wishing to contribute to the project. Benches available include those with a backrest, at the cost of $529, and those without, at the cost of $289. Plaques honoring the donors will be included. The board is looking ahead at a possible future installation of a columbarium, a structure for storing and displaying urns containing cremated remains.

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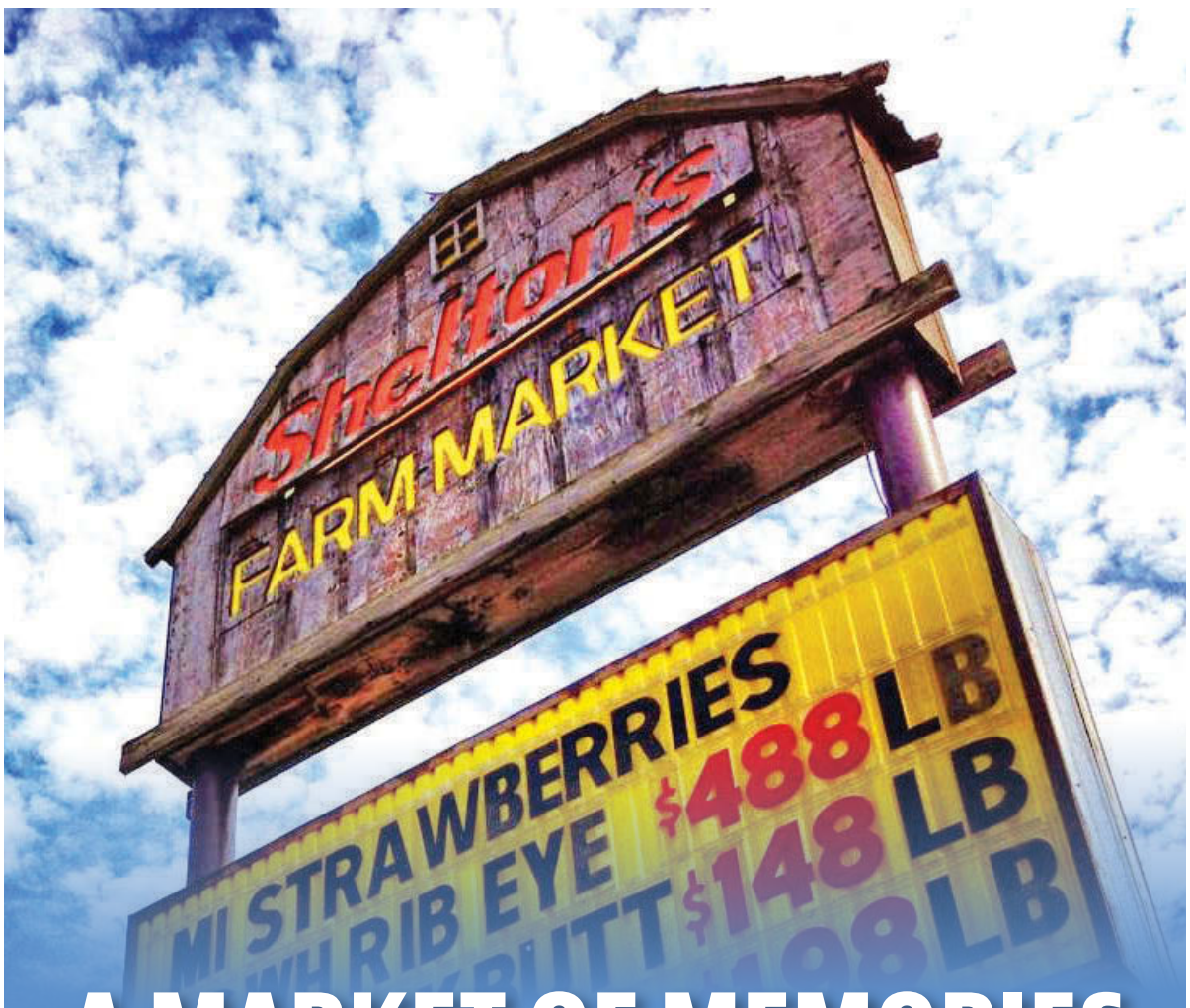

A MARKET OF MEMORIES

Shelton's Farm Market to close after 77 years, Aldi to open in its place

COMMUNITY REPORT

NILES TOWNSHIP — A business that has served the Michiana community for decades will soon be closing its doors.

Shelton's Farm Market, 1832 S. 11th St., Niles, announced it will be closing its doors by 2025 after 77 years of service.

"This decision comes with a mix of emotions: a deep sense of gratitude and accomplishment for the successes we've enjoyed, sincere pride and appreciation for our incredible team of employees and friends who have been instrumental in our growth, and heartfelt thanks to the wonderful customers we have had the honor of serving for generations," the business stated via press release. "We are proud to be concluding our journey on our corner on our own terms, and at the peak of our achievements. However, there is a time and place for everything, and it is with great humility and a heavy heart that we share this news with you. There is no perfect time to share this information due to pending inspections and finalizations, but we feel it's important to address the growing buzz on social media and beyond."

In the press release, Shelton's also announced that Aldi Foods, a popular discount supermarket chain, will be replace the Shelton's building with a new Aldi's supermarket on the site.

"The good news for the community is that we believe we have found the right successor-a

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Shelton's Farm Market announced Tuesday that it will be closing its doors by 2025 after 77 years of service.

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Brandywine sees second straight enrollment increase

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — The Brandywine school district has seen an increase in enrollment this fall, Superintendent Travis Walker told school board members at Monday's meeting.

Walker reported that enrollment so far this fall is at 1,362 students which is up around 50 students from last year's count of 1,311 students. He noted that the official fall count day is in early October.

"We've grown by about 50 students for the second year in a row," he said. "This is good news."

Walker told board members that the first weeks of school have gone smoothly and that the professional trainings conducted over the summer have proved beneficial. A group of staff members received training earlier in the summer and the company came to Brandywine to train all staff in August.

"Our fostering engagement training went well and we had a lot of positive feedback from the day of training for strategies to use in the classroom to engage students," he said. "Teachers were impressed with what the training offered."

Walker said the trainers were also impressed with the district staff. "They

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Christopher Michael Lahti
Larry Ford
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"Who has the biggest pumpkins in the area?" **A2**

A lasting legacy
LMC honors founding athletic director, coach **B1**

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"Hey, don't knock dog stew if you haven't tried it."

"Radical left or radical right are just radical. Both are equally dangerous."

"I wasn't too happy about the Second St. tear-up. But, I can now see the vision and that maybe it will be a pretty neat addition to the Niles downtown."

"Tailgaters are taking over the US. We need to take back our infrastructure and make our roads great again."

"Will the NFL shut down after Taylor Swift loses interest in football and her player? I can't believe the coverage she gets for the sport or the politics. Give me a break."

"Just curious how gasoline can go up .40 in a day. That has always perplexed me. In the grand scheme of things, what causes such huge swings?"

"You ask why do you pay to support a school and you have no kids? You were once supported by someone who had no children... A community with solid education is a solid community. End of story."

"Who has the biggest pumpkins in the area?"

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SAVAGE BEAN HOSTS ANNUAL CARS AND COFFEE CAR SHOW

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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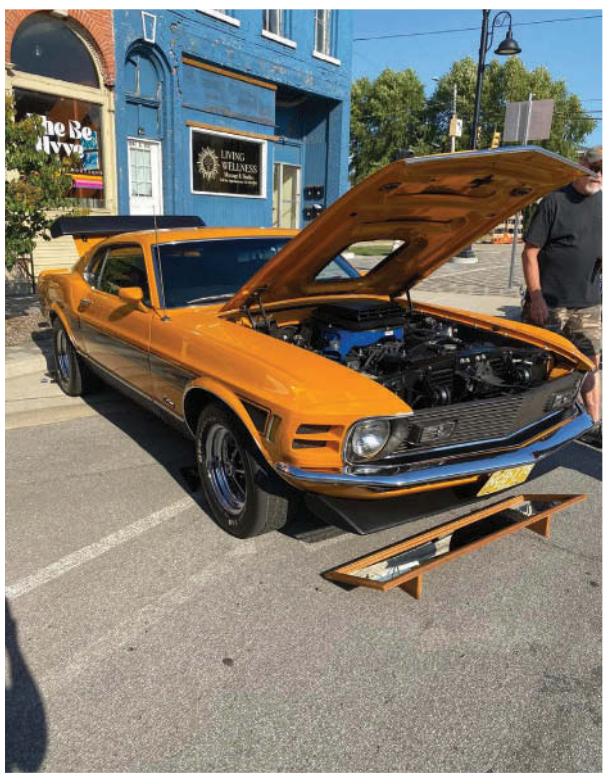
CASSOPOLIS — Cars of all makes and models made downtown Cassopolis their home last week.

Savage Bean Coffeehouse and Theatre hosted its third annual Cars and Coffee car show Saturday, Sept. 14. The event featured live music, vendors, food trucks and coffee. Cars and Coffee was founded in 2022 as a way for car-loving community members to meet and socialize.

Sponsors included BE Provisions, Bolt Laserworks, Cassopolis Beer Company, Diamond Lake Association, Hayden's Hardware, Helping Hands of Cass County, Marion Magnolia Farms, Savage Bean Coffee Company, The Friendly Grill and Tavern, Wagners Family Funeral Home, Circle Federal Credit Union, Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cass Vandalia Chamber.



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Willowbrook Farms, 19555 Bulhand Dr., Cassopolis, hosted its Fall Festival and Market Sunday, Sept. 15.

Willowbrook Farms hosts Fall Festival, Market

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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CASSOPOLIS — Vendors and visitors from across Michiana descended on a local farm Sunday, Sept. 15 for a festive fall experience.

Willowbrook Farms, 19555 Bulhand Dr., Cassopolis, hosted its Fall Festival and Market. From mobile clothing boutiques to homemade jams and artisan breads, the market had something to offer for everyone.

Guests were able to enjoy ice cold beverages as they browsed the wares of local artists. The event featured more than a dozen local artisans, vendors and food trucks from across Michiana.

"I thought it went well" said Willowbrook Farms owner Vanessa Frias. "We had a lot of local vendors that came out and it was cool to see all the families that came out in support. A lot of Facebook followers came out and just wanted to come and support our farm."

Willowbrook Farms offers a variety of pasture-raised animals and products, including

lamb, goat, chicken, pork, beef, eggs, honey, milk, butter and jams. In addition, the farm also offers classes and agritourism on the farm.

Frias said the market was created as a means to promote the local businesses and vendors in the community.

"I want to support local and I want other people to support local and so if they're supporting me, they're supporting everybody else here," she said. "It's just supporting everybody around and building everybody up. I think when you put the money back into your community, that's how our community gets better."

For Frias and her family, growing Willowbrook Farms since its founding in 2022 has been a "rewarding" labor of love.

"It comes with its ups and downs just like anything in life but it has given me a joy that I haven't been able to feel before. It's just a different part of my chapter in my book. Learning how to be sustainable, learning how to work when things are tough and hard, and getting through it and then also bringing my family into play and making sure they can do the same thing. I'm giving my kids all these different skills that are tough and learning how to work through things."

Making the day even more special for Frias was her 97-year-old grandfather visiting her farm for the first time.

"He was a sharecropper, so he only went to school until he was in the fourth grade because he had to work on the farm and then he moved off the farm," Fries said. "Having him come was like wow, this is amazing. His eyes just lit up when he got here. He just said it was beautiful and that he's very proud of me. "It's just nice for him to see it."

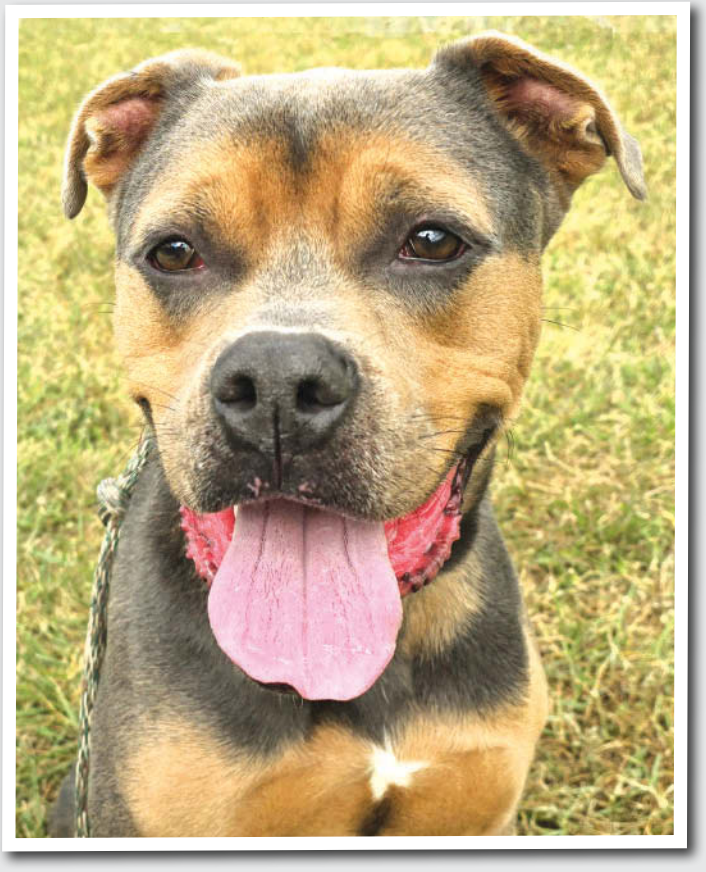
After having successful markets in May and September, Fries aims to continue to host markets going forward.

"We want to just continue and just keep building and get people out here to the farm and see what it's like to be on a farm," she said. "Some people don't get to experience that so allowing people the opportunity to come on the farm, see what it's like and see how our animals are raised, I think that's the cool part about what we do."

Willowbrook Farms' farm store is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, visit willowbrookmi.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet **Prince**, a 63-pound boxer mix with Berrien County Animal Control. Prince is friendly and has done well with other dogs, though can be a bit choosy who he likes. He sits and shakes for treats, tugs a bit on a leash but calms down after a bit. He is neutered, housetrained, current on shots, chipped and his adoption fee sponsored! Contact Berrien County Animal Control at (269) 927-5648.



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NEWS

Debate continues at Brandywine on new Title IX rules

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — Brandywine School Board members continue to grapple with questions on how to handle new federal Title IX rules that expand protections for transgender students. The discussion again dominated Monday's school board meeting and ended with the issue still unresolved.

Board members have been discussing the Title IX topic for three meetings. The changes in the federal regulations went into effect Aug. 1, expanding the 1972 federal law barring sex discrimination in education to add protections for LGTBQ+ students. At least three board members want to recognize the new law but also add protections for female students.

It appears school board members could have more time to make a decision as Board President Elaine McKee reported that Brandywine falls under a court injunction obtained by the Moms for Liberty national group. She said that the injunction allows school districts that qualify under that injunction to not have to adhere to the new rules.

That statement was questioned by Superintendent Travis Walker who said he and the district's attorneys weren't aware that Brandywine was on the list of school districts affected by the Moms for Liberty injunction.

Board Vice-President Thomas Payne had a different take on the matter. "I'm not trying to lessen Moms for Liberty but Brandywine stands on its own and as a community we have to decide what we're going to do and how we're going to proceed," he said.

"We have to do what we can to protect everyone's privacy no matter how they identify," he added. "We have to decide what makes sense and is in the best interest of the kids. Our focus should be the safety and security of the kids both emotionally and physically, whatever the case may be."

Board members and Walker continued to debate exactly what the course forward should be for the district and whether the district should revise the Title IX policy presented to the board or adopt it as is and then put in place new procedures to protect students.

Walker noted that the new Title IX rule is about more than allowing transgender students to use the bathroom of their choice or participate in sports of the gender they wish, it broadens and changes what and how grievances can be filed and handled.

Payne again had a different take. "The main focus of our discussion should be how we protect the safety, security and vulnerability of students," he said. "We have a situation where we're mandated to allow biological males and females to enter into spaces they were previously not allowed to enter. We have to protect those who are not comfortable with that."

Other board members disagreed. Jessica Crouch said she prefers the new Title IX policy proposed by the district's attorneys because it gives her more rights as a parent to appeal district actions. John Jarpe said he thinks there could be legal ramifications by not adopting the recommended policy regarding Title IX.

Walker said that the district's attorneys have told him that if the district could end up not being covered by liability insurance if it doesn't adopt the recommended policy on the new Title IX rule and in fact alters or changes it.

Board members did agree with Walker on his suggestion to form an ad hoc committee of board members, students, parents and staff to get their input on what the district should do to protect all students' rights.

The topic was also addressed in public comments. Teacher Debbie Carew said the board should do more research about what safety procedures are already in place. She said that it is the transgender students who are being bullied, feel unsafe and need accommodations and protection.

"Your tone seems very discriminatory against the trans kids, that having them in the restroom makes it unsafe for other kids," she said. "Trans students are not safe in there now anyway because of how other students treat them. We already have procedures in place for them to feel safer."

Members of the Out Center of Southwest Michigan also spoke. Mary Jo Schnell said statistics they've gathered show that 21.6 percent of Berrien County students identify as LGBTQ which translates to 1,934 students in the county. She noted that many also suffer from depression and have considered suicide.

"I've watched your discussions, that you're not using proper pronouns may come from unconscious bias," she said. "It is of utmost importance for the district to use supportive and affirming language."

Buchanan man gets prison time for drunk driving

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — Two area residents were sentenced to prison Monday in Berrien County Trial Court at the Niles courthouse.

A Buchanan man with a history of drinking and driving is going back to prison.

Richard Lee Chapman, 58, of Buchanan, pleaded guilty to third offense drunk driving and was sentenced to 20 months to five years in prison. He has credit for 83 days already served and must pay $198 in fines and costs.

Chapman

The incident occurred June 24 in Galien Township.

Berrien County Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Vigansky noted that this was Chapman's seventh drunk driving conviction and that Chapman had been just released from parole for another prison sentence in November, 2023.

"In just seven months, he's back drinking and driving," he said. "He's lucky he didn't kill himself or others."

Defense attorney Shayne Williams asked for probation. "He has a place to stay when he gets out," she said. "He knows he made poor decisions. He wants to get treatment."

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Jennifer Smith said she agreed with Vigansky's assessment that Chapman is a danger. "You continue to make the same mistake over and over, I 100 percent agree with Mr. Vigansky," she said. "You are a danger to yourself and others. You do not seem to be able to control your drinking and driving."

"You're just off parole and out of prison and you're back drinking and driving," she added. "Whatever you did (in terms of treatment) last time didn't work. This is what the rest of your life will look like unless you change. You can't continue to put others in danger, I can't allow it."

A Niles woman was also sentenced to prison for home invasion.

Roxie Kay Hall, 32, of Niles, pleaded guilty to third degree home invasion and was sentenced to 14 months to five years in prison. She must pay $218 in fines, costs and restitution. She has no credit for time served because she was on parole from a prior home invasion conviction and prison term in Indiana at the time of the incident.

Hall

The incident occurred May 20 in Niles Township.

Vigansky said that he didn't think the sentence should be probation when Hall has already been sentenced to prison for a similar crime. "I don't think the court should go backwards," he said.

Defense attorney Carri Briseno said that social workers in her office have been working with Hall to address the issues in her life. She noted that Hall was living in a hotel using meth and fentanyl before the incident and has lost her children to foster care.

Hall apologized for her actions and violating the trust of friends of hers by breaking into their home. She said she didn't remember her actions on that day.

"The problem is that you go back to your old ways when you get out," Judge Smith said. "When services were available, you didn't use them. I don't think probation is appropriate. If you don't follow parole conditions, you won't follow probation conditions. You need help and help has been placed in front of you and you didn't use it."

She noted that it's very serious when a person invades someone home. "It is dangerous to them and to you," she told Hall.

A Berrien Springs man already sentenced to prison in June had his remaining criminal charges cleared up with credit for time served sentences.

Kyle Michael Manley, 45, of Berrien Springs, pleaded guilty to use of meth and resisting and obstructing police and was sentenced to credit for 129 days served and $248 in fines and costs.

Manley

The incident occurred Nov. 28, 2023 in Oronoko Township.

Manley was sentenced in June to six concurrent terms of 18 months in prison for identity theft, using a computer to commit a crim and uttering and publishing. Those incidents occurred in 2022 and 2023 and involved stealing checks from people's mailboxes and using the information to open new bank accounts.

A Niles man who broke into a Niles home in May was sentenced to probation and over $5,000 in restitution.

Charles Allen Biggs, Jr., 39, of Niles pleaded guilty to assault and batter and third degree home invasion and was sentenced to two years probation, credit for 94 days served and $6,260.78 in fines, costs and restitution.

Biggs

The incident occurred May 29 in Niles. The restitution comes from the medical bills incurred by the victim who broke his ankle in the incident.

Judge Smith told Biggs that he needs to monitor his mental health and take medications as prescribed.

In other sentences:

• Keane Garrett Engelberg, 39, of Niles, pleaded guilty to attempted resisting and obstructing police and disorderly conduct and was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 97 days already served and $375 in fines and costs. The incident occurred June 19, 2023 in Niles Township.

Engelberg

• Jesus Antonio Gallegos, 22, of South Bend, pleaded no contest to unlawful use of a motor vehicle and operating with a high blood alcohol level and was sentenced to credit for 85 days served, 12 months treatment and $1,783 in fines and costs. The incident occurred Dec. 30, 2023 in Niles Township.

Gallegos

• Donald Eugene Pettie, 36, of Niles, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace and malicious destruction of property under $200 and was sentenced to 18 months probation, credit for two days served, 40 hours community service and $445 in fines and costs. The incident occurred Sept. 6, 2023 in Niles.

Al Churchill's Journey from Manure to Music and Back

COMMUNITY REPORT

Al Churchill

DOWAGIAC — Al Churchill graduated from Southwestern Michigan College in 1978 as one of the first music majors to earn an associate degree.

Since then, his professional career has unspooled in three distinct acts, saving the best for last — the one inspired by a required SMC science course.

Churchill, father of Business Professor Andrew Churchill, worked in the housing industry, as a middle manager in automotive supply and, for the last 22 years, in renewable energy.

Forbes' cover on his former employer, DTE Biomass Energy, dubbed it "Creating Cash from Trash."

DTE hired him as a plant operator processing landfill gas and making it pipeline-quality. He was the senior lead plant operator when he left last August for his current job.

Churchill, a 1976 Marcellus High School graduate, now works for Novilla RNG as a technical procurement manager from his Jones home.

A Novilla subsidiary, Red Leaf, in September 2022 announced construction of its first dairy renewable natural gas (RNG) project at Maple Row Dairy in Saranac.

Churchill has visited three times a second project in Unity, Wis.

The partnership uses biogas from the dairy's anaerobic digester to generate low-carbon-density RNG, a pipeline-quality gas that is fully interchangeable with conventional natural gas vehicles. RNG is essentially biogas, the gaseous product of the decomposition of organic matter, that has been processed to purity standards.

Capturing methane for energy

"We are constructing new facilities on dairy farms to capture methane from cow manure," he said. "My third career job is the best. Joining Novilla is a

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ADAM

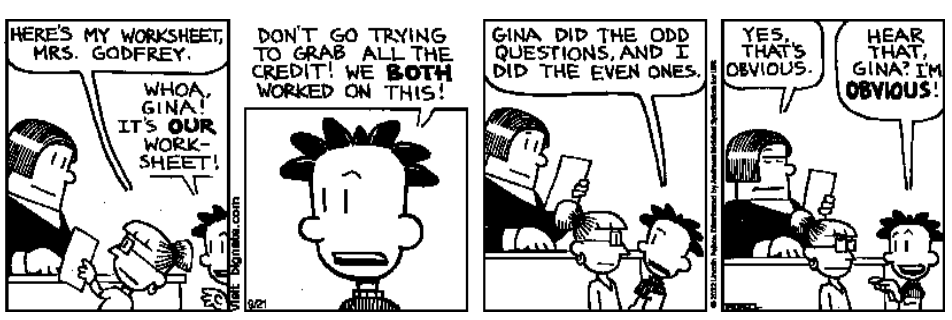
WHAT'S THIS?
I'M EMBRACING FALL!
DAD GOT ME THIS LEAFY FALL SWEATER!
IT'S SO COZY. AND COOLER WEATHER IS GOOD FOR SNUGGLING UP.
IT'S A MIRACLE!
HE ALSO SAID IF I DON'T COMPLAIN FOR A MONTH HE'LL GET ME A NEW BIKE!

ALLEY OOP

IT WAS WEIRD HAVING YOU TURN INTO A HERO AND LEAVE, OOOLA. WHY DID YOU GO?
YOU KEPT TRYING TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO. I NEEDED SOME TIME TO JUST BE ON MY OWN.
NOW THAT YOU'RE BACK, YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT LEARNING SOME NEW SKILLS.
YOU SHOULD HELP ME WITH SOME PROJECTS.
WAIT! WE'RE NOT DONE TELLING YOU WHAT TO DO!
WHERE'S THAT STUPID MAGIC ROCK THAT TURNED ME INTO A HERO?

ARLO & JANIS

BIG NATE


HERE'S MY WORKSHEET, MRS. GODFREY.
WHOA, GINA! IT'S OUR WORK-SHEET!
DON'T GO TRYING TO GRAB ALL THE CREDIT! WE BOTH WORKED ON THIS!
GINA DID THE ODD QUESTIONS, AND I DID THE EVEN ONES.
YES, THAT'S OBVIOUS.
HEAR THAT, GINA? I'M OBVIOUS!

BORN LOSER

LET'S HAVE A FAMILY GAME NIGHT! WHAT SHALL WE PLAY?
HOW ABOUT CLUE? THAT'S A FUN GAME!
IF WE PLAY THAT WITH YOUR FATHER, WE'LL HAVE TO CALL IT "NO CLUE"!

FRANK & ERNEST

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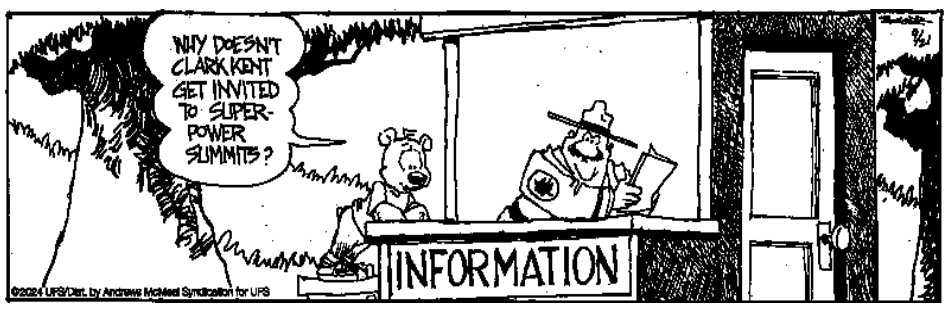

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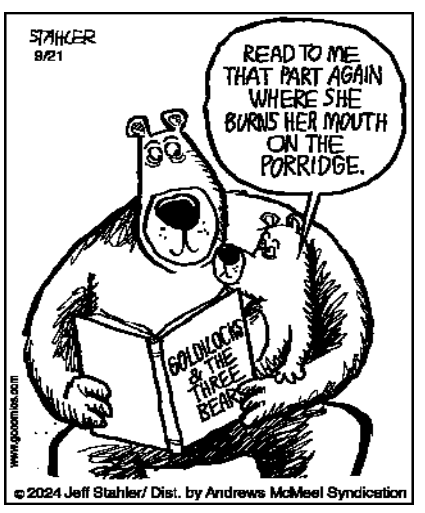
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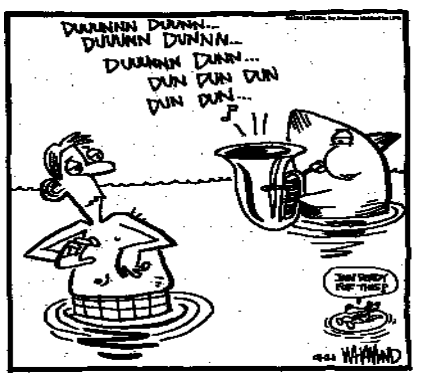

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13 Kingdom
14 Valuable rock
15 Grassy field
16 Boredom
17 "Two and a Half —"
18 Reduced to pulp
20 Maroon
22 Pea holder
23 Underworld god
24 Excited
26 Creature in Greek myth
29 Shout derisively
30 Exist
31 Place of exile
35 Scoop holder
37 Word in wedding announcements
38 Melody
39 "— Secretary"
41 "Non-sense!"
42 Savory jelly
45 Demand payment from
46 Pressure
48 Chopped
51 — -a-tat-tat
52 Church instrument
54 Color
55 "— Got a Secret"
56 — — Janeiro
57 Time
58 — Moines
59 Stop from acting
60 Slip into

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27 Region
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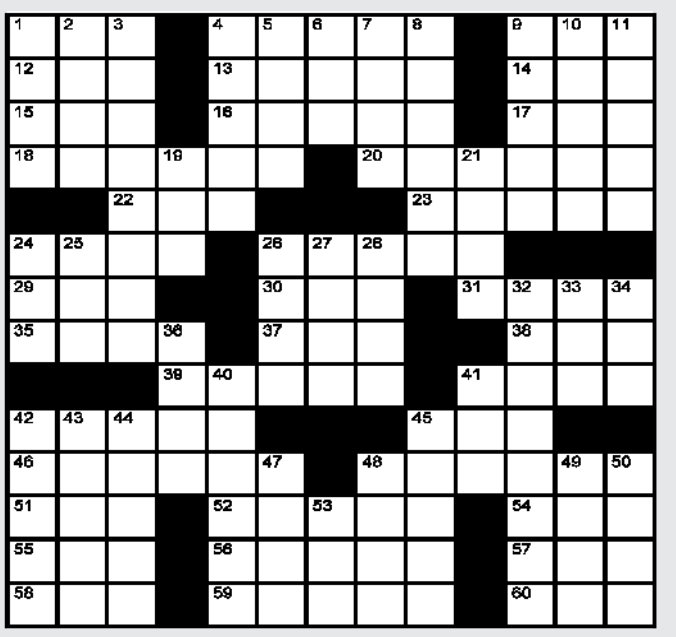

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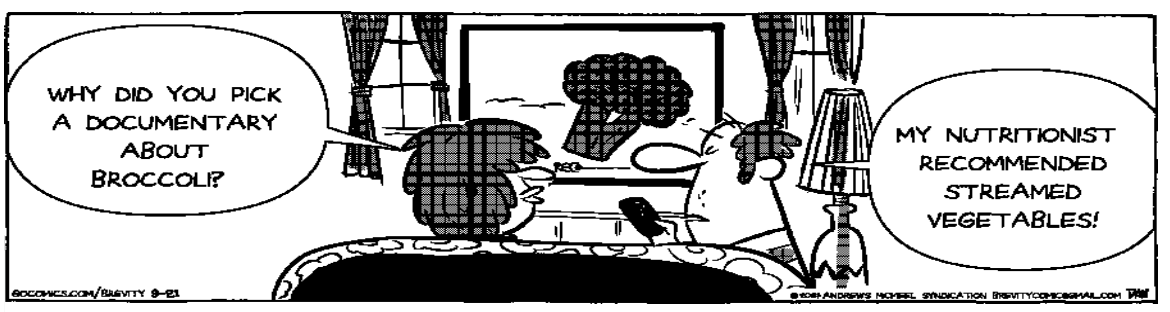
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HEART OF THE CITY

HEY! DID EVERYONE HEAR ABOUT CAT'S EYE SURGERY? I THINK YOU CAN GO BLIND FROM THAT.
I'M SO GLAD WE'RE STILL FRIENDS!!!
UH, ME TOO?
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DEATH NOTICES

Christopher Michael Lahti, 51, passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in Niles, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Larry Ford, 82, of Big Rapids, passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at Corewell Health, Grand Rapids. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Marie Fignole, 77, of Berrien Springs, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home in Berrien Springs, Michigan. www.AllredFuneralHome.com

Mitchell J. Huizenga, 70, of Dowagiac, died Sunday, September 15, 2024. Arrangements are pending at Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis.

Nora Boone, 94, of St. Joseph, passed September 17, 2024. Funeral services will be September 22, 2024 at 1pm with visitation at Noon at Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire. www.Bowermanfuneral.com

Mary Eileen (Moon) Horne, 77, of Berrien Center, passed away on Monday, September 16, 2024 peacefully at home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allred Funeral Home in Berrien Springs. www.AllredFuneralHome.com

OBITUARIES

Terry Fosdick

April 2, 1955
- September 13, 2024

Terry Roxanne Fosdick, 69, of Cassopolis, passed away Friday afternoon, September 13, 2024, at Bronson LakeView Hospital in Paw Paw, MI.

She was born on April 2, 1955, in South Bend, IN, the daughter of the late John and Edith (Benjamin) O'Konski. Terry was previously married to Robert Keen and remarried in 1991 to James Fosdick. She enjoyed spending time at Lake Michigan and going on adventures. Terry loved spending time with family and loved the holidays, especially Christmas. Terry loved her family greatly, especially her grandchildren. She will be missed.

Surviving are three children - Pearlee (Dean) Frye, Jason (Dana) Keen, and Kasey (Larry) Sibley; fourteen grandchildren - Alyssa, Amanda, Hannah, Kaden, Alexus, Mercedez, Haven, Arika, Jenna, Heidi, Harley, Kenzie, Briar, Jessi; two great-grandchildren - Lincoln and Cameron; four brothers - James O'Konski, Randy (Sharon) O'Konski, Rick (Donna) O'Konski, and Jim Shipley; numerous nieces and nephews; and significant other - Dan Carrington.

Preceding her in death were an infant daughter - Bobbie Lee Keen; husband - James; and parents - John and Edie.

Honoring Terry's wishes, cremation has taken place, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, Dowagiac. Please visit Terry's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave a condolence to her family at www.clarkch.com.

Harriette West

October 12, 1938
- September 15, 2024

Harriette A. West, 85, of Dowagiac, passed away Sunday afternoon, September 15, 2024, at Woodland Terrace of Longmeadow, Niles, MI.

She was born on October 12, 1938, in Wayne Township, Cass County, Michigan, the daughter of the late Eston and Bessie (Warner) Etter. On April 7, 1956, she was united in marriage to Herbert West in Decatur, MI at the First Church of God.

Surviving are 3 children - Lee (Gail) West, Dawn (Dale) Killarney and Vicki (Larry) Ausra; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-granddaughter; 2 sisters - Darlene Grant and Dolores Martensen; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband of 59 years, Herbert; son - Robert (Norma) Northrop; parents - Eston and Bessie; sister - Donna Johnson; brother - Eston Etter; and four grandchildren - Darla Northrop, Karen Ausra, Chris Ausra and Joey Ausra.

Honoring Harriette's wishes, cremation has taken place, and there will be no public services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Clark Chapel - Starks Family Funeral Homes, Dowagiac. Please visit Harriette's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave a condolence to her family at www.clarkch.com.

Betty J. Forrest

October 12, 1933
- September 11, 2024

Betty June Forrest, 90, of Niles and Granger, died peacefully on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Her life began October 12, 1933, in Niles, the third of five children born to Lawton "Red" and Edna Austin.

Betty never met a stranger. She loved to talk to people and learn about their lives. She was an avid nature lover who also loved all animals, especially her cats, and fed the birds constantly in order to watch them at her bird feeders. She loved flower gardening and collecting antiques of all kinds, and sewing was one of her favorite pastimes. She liked all forms of chocolate and would never refuse the offer of a chocolate milkshake. But she especially enjoyed spending time with her nearby daughter taking long drives.

Betty went back to college in her middle age, earning an Associate's degree in nursing, a Bachelor's degree in general studies, and a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling, and went on to teach as an instructor at the junior college level, in addition to her work as a nurse. She specialized in psychiatric nursing and retired as a hospice grief counselor.

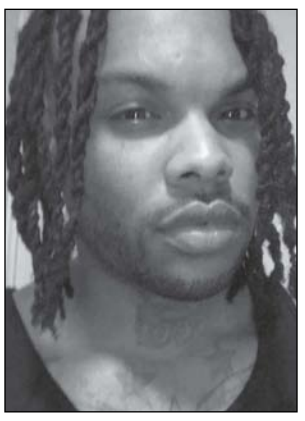
She is survived by three daughters, Terry Forrest of Bristol, Tennessee; Deborah Forrest of Granger, Indiana; and Bonny Forrest of San Diego, California; by a twin sister, Beverly Stasiak of Niles; and by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death in 2006 by her husband of over fifty-one years, John Forrest; her granddaughter, Sarah Ruhlen, who died in 2022; and two brothers and a sister.

Betty will be greatly missed by family and friends.

The family will observe a private remembrance. They would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Brentwood at Niles and Gentiva Hospice for their excellent care and emotional support throughout Betty's illness.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Betty be made to Rikki's Refuge, Post Office Box 56, 10910 Barr Lane, Rapidan Virginia 22733, RikkisRefuge.org., or Fernwood Botanical Garden, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, Michigan 49120, fernwoodbotanical.org

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.



DeMario Wicker

June 20, 1991
- September 8, 2024

DeMario Leon "Dmo" Wicker, 33, of Niles, died Sunday, September 8, 2024.

His life began June 20, 1991, in Niles, Michigan, the second of three boys born to Lawrence Wicker and Marie Gibson.

Dmo was a loving and kind person. He would give the shirt off his back to his family and friends if they needed. He had a bubbly and outgoing personality. He was silly and funny.

Dmo will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his mother, Marie (Allen) Gibson of Niles; father, Lawrence Wicker of South Bend, Indiana; brothers, DeAngelio Wicker of South Bend, Indiana, DelShawn (Amanda) Wicker of Cassopolis, Demetrius Wicker of South Bend, Indiana; sister, Shalece Wicker of Indianapolis, Indiana; Godmother, Tina Ballard of Elkhart, Indiana; Godfather, Terrance Doyle of Texas; aunts, Kathryn Burnett of Louisville, Kentucky, Sherhonda Wares of Elkhart, Indiana, Tina Doyle of Three Rivers, Lina Doyle of Tennessee, Elayne (Curtis) Scott of South Bend, Indiana, Tori (Dewayne) Moore of South Bend, Indiana, Clara Moore of Elkhart, Indiana; uncles, David (Octavia) Doyle, Wilson Doyle, both of Elkhart, Indiana; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Delois Doyle, George Clark, Sr., Wilhelmina Orr; uncle, George Clark II; and cousin, George Clark III.

Family and friends will gather for a burial at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 21, 2024, in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Cassopolis, where DeMario will be laid to rest beside his grandmother, uncle, and cousin.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Dmo be made to the American Heart Association, Post Office Box 840692, Dallas, Texas 75284-0692.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, Cassopolis. Please share a memory or a message online: wagnercares.com.

Selessie Winters

January 15, 1929
- August 31, 2024

Selessie Moore "Ma" Winters, died peacefully August 31, 2024 in the comfort of her family's presence.

Her life began January 15, 1929 in Saint Louis, Missouri, the third of sixteen children born to Irene and Sylvester Davis. She was raised in Kennett, Missouri and attended elementary and high school in Hayti, Missouri.

She married Willie D. Moore in 1946 and became the mother of thirteen children. In 1952 she moved to Eau Claire, Michigan where she met Fred Brown and became the mother of four more children. After moves to Dowagiac, Cassopolis and Vandalia, Michigan she met and married the Reverend Willie Winters and became the stepmother of eight children.

Ma because a member of First Baptist Church in Cassopolis under the leadership of Pastor Steve Weddington. She later joined Vandalia Church of God under Pastor Andrew Thompson.

In January, 2024 she lived with her sister in Chicago for a while until her heath began to fail her. While there she attended Fellowship in Christ Church where her sister Josephine Burns is Senior Pastor. She later moved to be with her son, Michael and Daleesha, until she passed.

Ma will be greatly missed by family and friends. She leaves to mourn her passing children, Shirley Davis, Elizabeth Jackson, Michael Anthony Moore, Josephine Flowers, Alberta Moore, Arlene Moore, Nathaniel Moore, Lorrie Ann Moore, Sylvester Moore, Cameron Moore, Lovia Moore, Desiree Ware, Sharon Williams, Willie Winters Jr., Donald Winters, Emmanuel Winters, Wilhelmina Deborah Brooks, Michael Winters; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren; two sisters, Pastor Josephine Burns, Betty (Alfred) Bound, three brothers, Simon (Juanita) Davis, Leroy (Mary Ann) Davis, James Davis; nieces, nephews, aunt, uncles, and friends.

In addition to her two husbands, Willie D. Moore, the Reverend Willie Winters, and friend Fred Brown; she was preceded in death by eight children, Freddie Lee Davis, Ronnie D. Moore, Willa Mae Moore, Larry Joe Moore, Vern Lee Moore, Michael Anthony Moore, Carl Winters, Bill Winters; her friend, Fred Brown; three sisters, Della, Marjorie, Juanita; five brothers, Claude Davis, Joseph Davis, Junior Davis, Steven Davis, Harold Davis; one niece, Ruby Jean; and one nephew, Joseph Davis, Jr.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 12 Noon in Wagner Family Funerals Connelly Chapel, 202 North Broadway Street, Cassopolis. Ma will be laid to rest beside her husband, the Reverend Willie Winters in Bogue Street Cemetery in Vandalia, Michigan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagner Family Funerals, Cassopolis. Please share a message or memory online: wagnercares.com

Kennedi R. Webster

September 12, 2005
- September 15, 2024

Kennedi Ranee Webster, 19, of Muncie, Indiana, died Sunday, September 15, 2024, as the result of a tragic highway accident, just three days after her nineteenth birthday.

Her life began September 12, 2005 in South Bend, Indiana, one of the children born to Julius Webster and Carrie Wiggins.

Kennedi cherished her cousins and enjoyed caring for them and adored her cute little PomChi puppy, Royal. She enjoyed working at Starbucks since she loved coffee and serving others their daily cup of coffee with a smile. Kennedi had a big heart and enjoyed always being there for her family and friends, never met a stranger, and was always available to listen or offer advice and guidance if needed. She was outgoing with a great sense of humor and was always laughing and having fun and spending time with her boyfriend and his nieces. In addition to cooking and honing her skills and recipes, Kennedi loved her family and would make her rounds to visit and spend time with her family and friends. They will all miss her smile and laughter.

Kennedi's memory will be greatly cherished by family and friends for having a genuine and loving soul. She is survived by her mother, Carrie Wiggins of Cincinnati, Ohio; her father, Julius Webster of Dowagiac; maternal grandparents, Judy Wiggins of Muncie, Indiana, Larry Strong of Lafeyette, Indiana; paternal grandparents, Katherine Edwards of Benton Harbor, John Serianno of South Bend, Indiana; brothers, Jalinn Wiggins of Portland, Oregon, Addeson Webster of Cincinnati, Ohio, Liam Webster of Plymouth, Indiana; and several cousins, Weston Smith, Wrenlee Smith, Jolie Thomas, Corwyn Thomas, all of Muncie, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her great grandmother, Pearl C. Johnson.

The family will observe a private remembrance.

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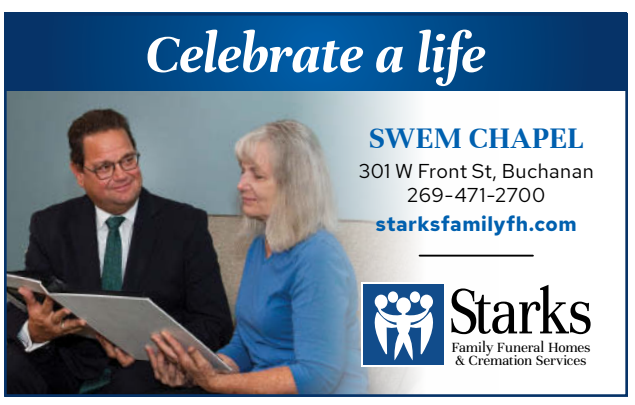

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Body found off Lake Michigan beach identified

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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ST. JOSEPH — The body of a man who was found floating near a Lake Michigan beach has been identified.

The man was confirmed to be Douglas Charles Greyerbiehl, 69, of St. Joseph Township. according to the Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 4:19 p.m. Wednesday, St. Joseph Department of Public Safety along with Medic 1 and Berrien County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a body in Lake Michigan

off of Silver Beach in the City of St. Joseph.

The body was retrieved from the water and rescue efforts were unsuccessful. According to police, every indication is that of a drowning and no foul play is suspected at this time.

The incident remains under investigation pending the final autopsy report.

Walberg's Equal Campus Access Act passes House

COMMUNITY REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Thursday, the House passed Congressman Tim Walberg's (MI-05) Equal Campus Access Act as a provision in H.R. 3724, End Woke Higher Education Act. Walberg's legislation would amend the Higher Education Act to clarify that no funds shall be made available to a public institution that denies a religious student group any right similarly afforded to other student organizations because of the religious group's beliefs, practices, or leadership standards.

"The Equal Campus Access Act defends students' First Amendment rights of speech, religion, and association to attend a public college," said Rep. Walberg. "In recent years, we've seen concerning incidents targeting religious groups on campus, but today's vote reinforced that America cherishes religious liberty and our constitutional rights."

Rep. Walberg recently penned an op-ed in The Washington Times on religious discrimination on campus and the need to pass the Equal Campus Access Act.

JOURNEY

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continuation of capturing methane and using it for energy and reducing methane emissions into the atmosphere. My previous job was doing this for 21 years, eight months, for DTE Biomass Energy, a division of DTE Vantage."

Churchill was pictured in the Three Rivers Commercial-News for a story, "Turning Trash into Energy."

The article traced how a few uneaten French fries thrown into a St. Joseph County garbage can could someday do their part heating a state office building in Lansing.

Once those fries entered the garbage stream, they were transported to Waste Management's Westside Recycling for deposit in the Fabius Township landfill.

Over time they were compressed under layer after layer of refuse and decomposed, producing large quantities of gas captured, processed and transported by pipeline to energy users across Michigan.

Coral Energy, a Shell Oil Co. subsidiary, contracted with Waste Management to build an on-site energy recovery plant. Two years after the Coral facility was built it was sold to DTE Energy. Its subsidiary, DTE Biomass Energy, assumed control of operating the 1998 plant.

The fortuitous proximity of a 24-inch Consumers Power gas line crossing Westside's property between Chicago and Detroit, made for an easy connection to transmit natural gas.

The 2006 article said enough gas was processed and distributed daily to provide fuel for the natural gas needs of 3,200 homes — enough for Three Rivers.

Biomass had a total of 38 landfill gas recovery operations nationwide and was one of two DTE plants in the United States with this particular process.

Churchill's first "career-changing job was Sterling Corp. in White Pigeon. I started in production and was promoted to service manager. A year later I became a district marketing manager and had a seven-state marketing area.

"I then went to Holly Park Homes and worked as a production manager in the floor department. From there, I left Holly Park when they were closing down and became a part owner in a park model business, Renaissance Homes."

His second career found Churchill at CMI as a production worker, promoted to a shift supervisors within six weeks.

"Later, I was moved to the night shift maintenance supervisor and finished a 10-year career as a machine line supervisor. CMI was a tier one supplier for automotive companies such as Ford, Chrysler/Dodge, Mitsubishi and Nissan," Churchill said.

SMC class exposed him to renewable energy

"My first enlightenment to reducing pollution was Dr. McKinstry at SMC who taught a science class, Environmental Impact, before DEQ was established," Churchill said. "He had solar panels and a windmill at his home (on Marcellus Highway) and demonstrated how they worked to his classes. I was fascinated. That one class got me thinking. Thanks to Dr. McKinstry, I had the drive to make our world a better place."

(Dr. David McKinstry, a retired physics professor at Eastern Washington University, died Feb. 24, 2020, his obituary noting his interest in promoting sustainable energy.)

Churchill started out in the manufactured home industry. In 1992, he began his 10-year career in the automotive industry manufacturing aluminum castings for CMI Precision Mold. He joined DTE Biomass Energy in 2002, finding "green gas energy so rewarding."

In 1995, "I remember driving by the Waste Management site in Three Rivers. I said to my wife, 'What a waste of gas.' I checked with a friend of mine at Michigan Gas, and he said, 'They can't do anything with dirty gas.' Little did I know what my part in making that methane useful and profitable for DTE would mean for me and the community."

Growing up, the son of dairy farmers attended school in both Dowagiac and Marcellus. He attended Sister Lakes, Lincoln and McKinley and seventh grade at Central before his family moved to Jones.

"My parents owned a dairy farm on C.R. 687 near Seven-Mile Corner," Churchill said. "My grandfather owned a farm on Phillips Road near Midway Engineering by Mosier's and Franz's farms. My family was also related to the Moultons, who lived across the road from my Grandpa Wilkinson. My folks sold the farm in '69 and we moved into Dowagiac. In 1971, they bought a farm near Swiss Valley in Jones. That is when I transferred to Marcellus."

"Dave (Purcell, SMC band and choir director) kept me from joining the Navy when I was 17," Churchill said. "He came to my high school band room, met with me and offered a full-tuition scholarship at SMC. He was just starting the music program and I was one of the lucky ones who benefited for the rest of my life. I spent 1976-78 with him and learned a lot."

He reconnected last fall with Purcell, who lives in northern Michigan. Like Churchill, Purcell attended Western Michigan University after 9 ½ years in a Navy band.

"I enjoyed every minute of my time at SMC," Churchill said. "It had a family feel. I felt like a big fish in a small pond at SMC versus a guppy in the ocean" at WMU.

Churchill keeps in contact with Purcell, who lives in Hubbell on the Keweenaw Peninsula at the top of the Upper Peninsula.

"While we were on vacation at Eagle Harbor, I arranged to have lunch with David and Sharee in Copper Harbor," Churchill said. "I hadn't seen him since he left Niles to move to Hubbell."

Churchill was primarily a brass player — tuba, baritone, trumpet — but also played saxophone and percussion. He has done substitute teaching with the Marcellus band.

When Churchill came to SMC, he planned to teach music. When he got to Western Michigan University, doing both singing and instrumental music proved "too much," so he dropped his horn to stick with choral music.

It's not like he threw his music studies away, they just transitioned to a labor of love. "I have enjoyed an unpaid job" as music director and worship leader at First Baptist Church of Newberg for the last 35 years.

He married Tammy (Simmons) in 1983.

"We met in Elkhart," Churchill said. "She was on break from Purdue, working at Judy's Burger Dairy, and I was working at a local van conversion company. A friend encouraged me to ask her out and she said yes. We were married 13 months later and celebrated our 40th anniversary last May. When we married, we lived in Edwardsburg."

Their other son, Matthew, is an audiobook narrator and musician in Grand Rapids.

Churchill's extended family includes two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren, from infant to teen.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 11
Trivia Night Fundraiser

The Dowagiac Fine Arts Boosters Club is hosting a Trivia Night Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at VFW Post 1855. The fundraiser will be used to help provide supplemental materials for arts, music and theater at Dowagiac Union Schools and also provide scholarships for college and arts camps. Cost is$100 per table with up to 10 people per team. Teams are encouraged to bring snacks to share at the table and drinks will be available to purchase at the VFW bar. This event is for ages 21+. There will also be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and prizes for the top three scoring teams. Registration must be completed by Friday, Oct. 4. To register, call 269-782-9208. Those with questions can call the number above or email finearts-boosters24@yahoo.com.

October 13
Newton House Festival

The Cass County Historical Society has announced its annual Fall Festival, taking place from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 13. The event will be held at the Newton House, located at 20689 Marcellus Highway, Decatur, MI, on the historical grounds. There will be guided tours of the Newton House, live music and a silent auction. Local artisans will be showcasing their talents, and Civil War reenactors will be on site with a cannon firing demonstration.

The event will also feature cider, popcorn, apples, cookies and a variety of activities including hayrides, a petting zoo and kids yard games. A kids costume contest will also be held and new this year is its first annual kids pie-eating contest.

Dowagiac native and author Ron Kirkwood will be in attendance for readings and autographs of his new book on Gettysburg's George Spangler Farm.

For more information, visit the Facebook pages for either the Newton House or the Cass County Historical Society.

Send calendar items to the newsroom at news@leaderpub.com, or drop them off at the office, 217 N. Fourth St., Niles.

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major retailer committed to providing continued value to our community," the press releases stated. "When Aldi Foods approached us, it made the difficult decision to move on a bit more bearable. They will replace our well-worn building with a brand-new facility, promising to deliver great food at great prices, and new employment opportunities, from this location."

The press release went on to say that while its time at the facility it has called home for decades is coming to an end, new opportunities for the business could take shape in the future.

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joining SMC in 2004, taught at Kauai Community College, Leeward Community College, the University of Hawaii and Central Washington University. He and his wife Karen enjoy surfing, mountain biking and watching his two children play sports.

Dr. Doug Schauer (Chemistry—10 years) joined the SMC faculty in 2014 and has taught chemistry at all levels offered by the college. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he has created and sustained an undergraduate research program in environmental chemistry. This program has served as a professional launch pad for some of SMC's most successful graduates over the past ten years. Dr. Schauer earned his bachelor's degree at Drexel University and his doctorate in chemistry at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to SMC, he served the chemical technology program chair at Ivy Tech Community College, as well as Interim department chair in their School of Applied Science and Engineering Technology.

Gary Franchy (Math—10 years) is in his 27th year teaching college mathematics. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from University of Detroit Mercy and a master's degree in mathematics from Wayne State University, where he received Excellence in Teaching awards as both a graduate teaching assistant and as an adjunct faculty member. He has also completed coursework at Wayne State toward a doctorate in educational evaluation and research. Professor Franchy's professional achievements include authoring three modules for the NSF-funded Spreadsheets Across the Curriculum project, presenting minicourses on Spreadsheets Across the Curriculum at both the Joint Mathematics Meeting and the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics, and serving as chair of the Quantitative Literacy Special Interest Group of the Mathematical Association of America. While at SMC, he co-founded the Honors Program and served as its co-director.

Larry Holz (Robotics and Chair of the School of Business and Advanced Technology—5 years) and his wife Jaclyn live on a small chestnut farm near Southwestern Michigan College. They raised two daughters on the farm, both graduated from Dowagiac Union High School and went on to attend the University of Michigan. He worked for over 30 years in manufacturing with his last 20 years being in management and leadership roles culminating in the role of plant manager at Kaiser Aluminum in Kalamazoo. His educational background is a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from the University of Illinois, a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Northern Illinois University, and a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University South Bend. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Business Administration at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Sam Walker (Graphic Design—5 years) began with graphic design under the guidance of Bill Rothwell while dual-enrolled as a high school student at SMC. He holds a bachelor's degree in new media graphic design from Taylor University and a master's degree in communications and digital media from Saginaw Valley State University. Prior to coming back to SMC, Professor Walker worked as a graphic designer in the Michiana area and nationwide as a freelancer.

Mark Hollandsworth (Band—5 years) serves as SMC's Director of Bands. Previously he served as the Director of Bands in the Edwardsburg Public Schools, Blissfield Community Schools and Buchanan Community Schools, as well as the conductor of the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra Winds. He is an active adjudicator and clinician throughout Michigan and Indiana, working within the Michigan Competing Band Association, Scholastic Marching Bands, Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) and Indiana State School Music Association circuits. He earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in music education from the VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. He was awarded the Michiana Outstanding Educator Award by Quinlan and Fabish Music in 2018, MSBOA District 6 Teacher of the Year Award in 2008 and 2016 and has been an Honorary Member of the MSBOA since 2020. He remains active on trumpet, performing regularly with the Lake Effect Jazz Big Band. He resides in Lawton with his wife, Jennifer.

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The Library Board reported that the foundation had been poured and underground utility work had begun on the new library construction project located on US12. Though they are facing some supply delays, they hope to have the project complete some time in the summer of 2025. The library is currently accepting naming donations for the project. They recently received a donation of $65,000 to go toward a children's area. There was discussion around citizen and council concerns about the safety of the left turn out of the property, particularly during busy times at the schools across the street.

Official hours were established for Halloween trick or treating on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The next Edwardsburg Village Council meeting will take place on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Edwardsburg Village Hall.

INCREASE

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gave us positive feedback on how teachers were willing to learn, how thoughtful the teachers were and how hard working they are," he said. "I want to thank the staff for embracing the training."

Board members also heard from instructional coach Emily Zablocki-Kohler about a new program called "BEST" which stands for behavioral emotional skills and traits. She said it is similar to what is already being used now for a variety of behavior, math and reading interventions and is part of a countywide "whole child effort".

She said the BEST program provides supports to help students solve problems, regulate their behavior and communicate with friends. She said a 20 minute block of time is set aside each day at the elementary level to focus on lessons to help build skills including the "character traits of a Bobcat". The lessons on character traits are weekly at the secondary level.

She said the program is based on educational research from a variety of sources including the World Economic Forum. She said business and industry leaders say that not only do 62 percent of young people not have technical skills needed, 60 percent don't have the personal attributes they are looking for.

When the World Economic Forum element was questioned by board members, Kohler and Walker said the WEF information is backed up by research from other sources who have shown that strengthening students' social and emotional skills also helps them do better academically and decreases behavioral problems.

In action Monday, board members approved a new two year contract with the Brandywine District Education Association which represents the district's teachers. The contract runs through June 30, 2026. Walker said there is no pay raise this year but wages will be looked at again next year.

Items introduced this week and to be acted on at the next meeting on Oct. 7 include approval of mileage and reimbursement rates, a fifth grade overnight camp request and CTE classes.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Dowagiac football runs away with 48-16 win over Parchment

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — It was a birthday to remember for Duane Davis.

The Dowagiac Union football coach saw his team shut down visiting Parchment in the second half and roll to a 48-16 win Friday, Sept. 13

"I love those kids," Davis said. "They did a great job. They went downhill and they punished them. That was awesome."

The Panthers (2-1) had no answers for the Chieftains' (2-1) offense, which outgained the visitors 429-221 in total yards and 336-100 in rushing yards. Tim Masterman led Dowagiac with 111 yards rushing on 23 carries and one touchdown run. Cooper Szymczak, Kaleb Smith and Skyler Vincek each tallied touchdown runs and LaMone Moore Jr. had both a rushing and receiving touchdown. Isaiah Fitchett added both a passing touchdown and a rushing touchdown.

Leading 21-16 at halftime, the Chieftains leaned on the offensive and defensive lines to take control of the game. Dowagiac had four second half scoring drives, all of which ended in touchdown runs.

On defense, Cameron White tallied nine tackles, two pass breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery and Kaleb Smith caught an interception.

"My coaching staff made great adjustments at halftime," he said. "They were ahead of the game before I even got into the locker room. We were able to get back to what we know, be

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

"On a positive note, we are still tied for first in the Lakeland Conference so anything can happen."
— Coach Ryan Haines

Buchanan soccer earns 0-0 tie with Berrien Springs

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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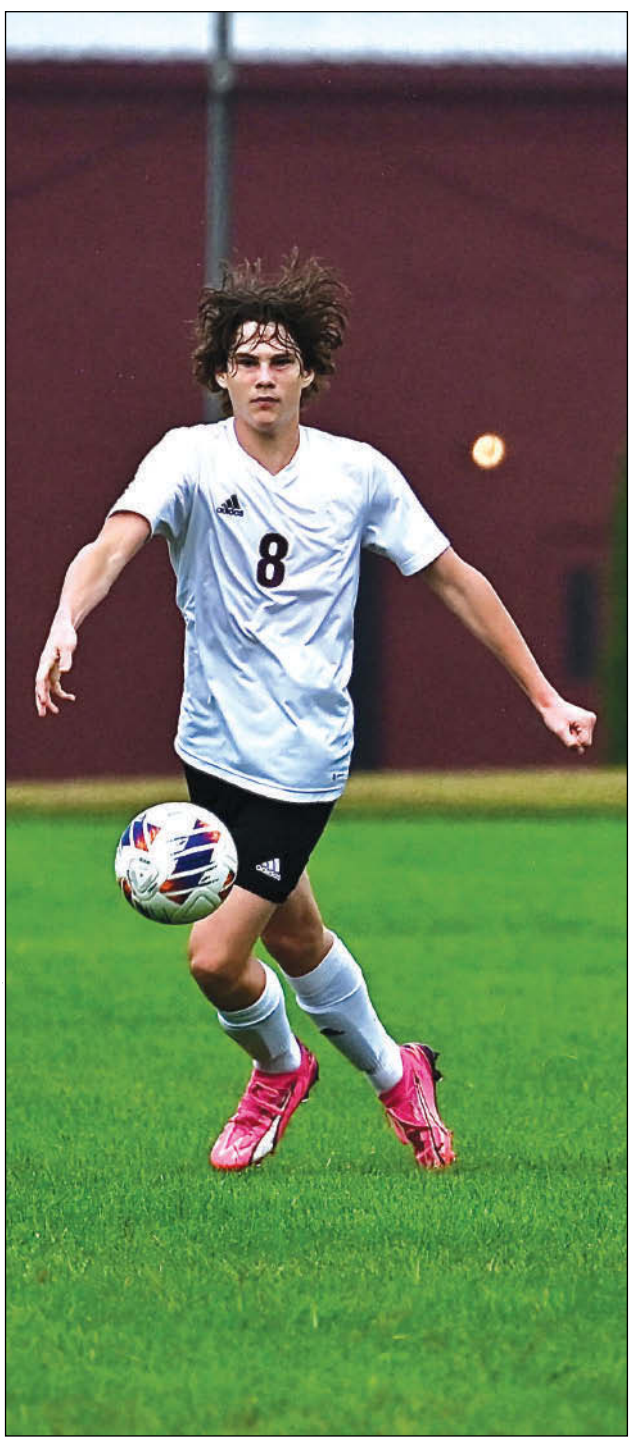
The Buchanan soccer team battled its way to a 0-0 tie with Berrien Springs Wednesday night.

Charley Cowart made four saves in net to earn a shutout, the team's fifth straight. Mason Frontczak and Preston Payne both hit the crossbar. The Bucks have outscored the opposition 25-7 this year.

"We got caught in Berrien Springs' kickball game at times," said head coach Ryan Haines. "The couple of times we possessed the ball through the midfield we were able to garner good scoring opportunities but we couldn't put any away. On a positive note, we are still tied for first in the Lakeland Conference so anything can happen."

Buchanan (7-1-2) faces Coloma at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19.



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COLLEGE ATHLETICS

"Few people have had a greater impact on Lake Michigan College and its students than Liz Miller."
— Doug Schaffer

A LASTING LEGACY

LMC honors founding athletic director, coach

COMMUNITY REPORT

BENTON HARBOR — Fifty years ago, Liz Miller founded Lake Michigan College's women's athletics program and began a 17-year career of fostering an environment where all student-athletes could thrive. On Tuesday, the College officially recognized her legacy with the naming of the Liz Miller Athletics Office Suite on its Benton Harbor campus.

Following the LMC Board of Trustees meeting where its members approved the naming, former athletes and coaches, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered with Miller and her family to celebrate the dedication of the space.

"Few people have had a greater impact on Lake Michigan College and its students than Liz Miller," stated Doug Schaffer, Vice President, Advancement and Community Impact and Executive Director of the Lake Michigan College Foundation. "She arrived when women's intercollegiate athletics at LMC was nothing more than an idea. She transformed that concept into a tangible program of excellence on the playing field and in the classroom. As we celebrate 50 years of women's athletics at LMC, it is our honor to highlight Liz's leadership and contributions."

Miller joined LMC in 1974 at a time when equity in women's sports was just emerging in the country. In addition to her role as full-time physical education instructor, she served as head coach of the women's volleyball, basketball, and softball programs. Coaching all three simultaneously for three seasons, she quickly established a winning tradition among LMC women's sports.

After amassing a 34-17 record in basketball, Miller handed off those coaching duties in 1977 to focus on development of the softball and volleyball programs.

One year later, at just 30 years old, Miller rose to a new leadership role as the College's athletic director. Not only was she the first female athletic director at LMC, but she was also the first female athletic director of both a men's and women's intercollegiate program in Michigan.

Her teams continued to flourish. During 15 seasons, Miller guided her volleyball squads to a 472-171 (.734) record with seven Western Collegiate Conference titles, two Region XII championships, and

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Doug Schaffer, Lake Michigan College Vice President, Advancement & Community Impact and Executive Director, LMC Foundation, recognized former LMC Athletic Director and Coach Liz Miller (center) during the naming ceremony of the Liz Miller Athletics Office Suite on the Benton Harbor campus before Tuesday's volleyball match between LMC and Glen Oaks. Other LMC officials pictured include LMC Board of Trustees Chairman John Grover and Trustee Debra Johnson (left) and Melissa Grau, LMC Executive Director, Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Life (right).

CASSOPOLIS FALLS TO WHITE PIGEON 65-0

STAFF REPORT

CASSOPOLIS — The Cassopolis football team fell to 0-3 on the season with a 65-0 loss to White Pigeon Friday, Sept. 13.

The Rangers allowed 373 yards on 36 carries.

Saugatuck 56, Brandywine 22

The Brandywine football team came up short in a 56-22 loss to Saugatuck last week. The game was 35-8 at halftime.

The Bobcats (0-3) finished the game with 253 rushing yards. Quarterback Kaeden Warfield tallied 22 carries for 180 yards and two touchdowns and Carter Sobecki added 25 carries for 75 yards and one touchdown. Saugatuck's Cass Stansbury completed 5-of-5 passes for 103 yards and three touchdowns while running for 103 yards on eight carries and one touchdown. On defense, Sobecki and Kaden Santana had eight and six tackles apiece to lead the Bobcats.

Edwardsburg 61, Plainwell 24

Trailer 17-15 in the second quarter, the Eddies switched gears and scored 46 unanswered points. The Trojans had no answers for the Eddies' offense, which rand for almost 400 yards on the ground and led 39-17 at halftime. Carson Cebra led Edwardsburg with 186 yards and two touchdowns and Grant Griffin had 72 yards and two touchdowns, Brody Schimmpa 69 yards and two touchdowns, Grady Ostrander 67 yards and one touchdown and Noah Jacobs and Tyris Yoder added touchdown runs.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Roadrunners Open Conference Play with Sweep

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — SMC Volleyball Team opened conference play with a sweep over the Marian Ancilla Chargers 25-16, 25-10, 25-13. "Tonight was a great team win," said Head Coach Jenny Nate. "We were missing our starting libero, Cadence Knight, and I was proud of the way our team stepped up despite a lineup change and played with great chemistry and focus to get the job done."

Leading serving scorers: Ryli Burks 13 points, 4 aces; Anna Johnson 10 points, 1 ace; Gia Jania 9 points, 2 aces; Talan Hiemstra 8 points, 2 aces; Josie West 6 points, 1 ace

Kills: Josie West 14, Gia Jania 8, Abi Marquis 8, Ryli Burks 3, Talan Hiemstra 3, Anna Johnson 2, Kallie Solloway 1

Blocks: Abi Marquis 2, Josie West 1, Gia Jania 1, Ryli Burks 1

Digs: Amanda Jones 19, Ryli Burks 11, Anna Johnson 9, Josie West 6, Carlie Ritchie 5, Talan Hiemstra 4

Assists: Anna Johnson 16, Ryli Burks 6, Amanda Jones 4, Carlie Ritchie 4, Reese Maas 1

Lansing Community College 3, SMC 0

SMC Volleyball Team was swept Tuesday by Lansing CC 15-25,22-25,16-25.

Aces: Burks 2, Johnson 1

Kills: West 6, Solloway 5, Tiemstra 4, Burks 4

Blocks: Zyon Brazo 1

Digs: West 16, Knight 13, Jones 9, Burks 8, Johnson 5

Assists: Johnson 15, Burks 3

The Roadrunners are now 11-4 overall and 1-1in the MCCAA Western Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Niles football runs over Three Rivers 56-6

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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NILES — The Niles football team made quick work of visiting Three Rivers Friday night.

The Vikings cruised to a 56-6 win over the Wildcats to begin Wolverine Conference play. Niles led 49-0 at halftime.

The Vikings (2-1) outgained the Wildcats 384-123, including a 311-56 edge in rushing yards.

Peyton Gordon led the Vikings with 134 yards on six carries and a 59-yard rushing touchdown and Sam Rucker had eight carries for 69 yards and two touchdowns and 92-yard kickoff return touchdown. Elijah Norris (two for 44) and Paul Hess (seven for 41) scored one touchdown apiece.

Quarterback Talen Bennett completed 3 of 4 passes for 73 yards and one touchdown pass, a 34-yard pass to Brenden Olsen, who also intercepted a Three Rivers pass and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown.

On defense, Sheldon Cornelius, Alex Anderson and Brandon Hamilton tallied four tackles apiece and Carson Gessinger had one sack.

The Vikings faced Otsego at home Friday night in Week 4 action. The recap of that game will be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 28 print edition of the newspaper.

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back-to-back appearances at nationals in 1983 and 1984. In 1989, she stepped back from volleyball to focus on added responsibilities as LMC's Director of Alumni Relations while still serving as athletic director and softball coach.

During 17 years at the helm of the LMC softball program, her teams gained national prominence. She led them to a record of 541-143 (.792) which, at the time, was the second highest total in National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) history. LMC won 12 Western Conference championships and 10 Region XII titles, and Miller was recognized as the Region XII Softball Coach of the Year 10 times from 1980 to 1990.

Her softball teams qualified for nationals 10 of her last 11 seasons, the most of any team in NJCAA history at that time. From 1981 to 1985, LMC finished in the nation's top five and from 1987 to 1991, the squad was ranked in the top 10.

This level of success did not go unnoticed. In 1991, Miller left LMC to accept the head softball coaching position at the University of Notre Dame.

Her overall 17-year record at LMC was an impressive 1047-331 (.760). She coached 25 softball and volleyball All-Americans. However, her legacy doesn't stop there. By the time of her departure from LMC, 25 of her former athletes had already become coaches at various levels.

"Liz shaped the future of all sports at Lake Michigan College during her tenure and through her support of the program after she left. She set a high mark for those of us who have followed her," stated LMC Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Life Melissa Grau. "She always saw the potential in each of her athletes and mentored them to reach for excellence in competition and academics."

In recognition of her trailblazing achievements, including serving as NJCAA vice president from 1984-1987 and president from 1987-1990, Miller was inducted by her alma mater Western Michigan University into its Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994. She was also inducted into the Lake Michigan College Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997, the NJCAA Coaches Hall of Fame in 1999, and the National Fastpitch Coaches Hall of Fame in 2005.

After leaving her official LMC roles, Miller continued to support LMC students. She served on the LMC Foundation Board of Directors, and for more than 10 years, she and her husband, Lloyd, held leadership roles on the annual LMC Winner's Circle Benefit Auction committee. They also established the Liz & Lloyd Miller Athletic Endowment Fund, and together they were awarded the Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award in 1987 for advancing the cause of Lake Michigan College and higher education.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Buchanan football falls to White Pigeon 44-16

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BUCHANAN — The Buchanan football team had tough sledding against visiting Whiteford Friday, Sept. 13.

The Bobcats scored 22 points in the second half and went on to beat the Bucks 44-16. Whiteford outgained Buchanan 457-294 in total yards, including a 313-55 edge in rushing yards. Trailing 22-0 in the second quarter, Buchanan (1-2) was able to find success in the passing game with quarterback Jake Franklin and receiver Brody Reed. The duo connected on 75 and 36-yard passing touchdowns – with Reed converting both two-point conversions to make it a 22-16 game at halftime.

The Bobcats would respond with a 33-yard passing touchdown in the third quarter and two rushing touchdowns (3 and 11 yards respectively) to put the game away.

Franklin completed 12 of 24 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns and one interception and Gabe Tompkins (41 yards) and Leland Payne (39 yards) led the team in rushing while Reed caught four passes for 112 yards and two touchdowns. Tristan Nesbitt added three catches for 63 yards and Tyler Baker added 1 catch for 39 yards.

On defense, Reed led the team with eight tackles and Tompkins, Ryan Hickok and Jameson Pleasant tallied five respectively.

The Bucks faced Benton Harbor at home Friday night in Week 4 action. The recap of that game will be found online at leaderpub.com and will be in the Sept. 28 print edition of the newspaper.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Hunt-Thompson scores touchdown in Ferris State win over Ashland

COMMUNITY REPORT

PHOTO COURTESY OF FERRIS STATE ATHLETICS

BIG RAPIDS — The Ferris State Bulldogs wasted little time in making a statement Saturday, Sept. 14 as FSU ran back the opening kickoff for a score and never looked back in a decisive 43-3 win over visiting Ashland at Top Taggart Field.

In the Bulldogs' second-straight home game, sophomore Taariik Brett took the opening kickoff 90 yards to the house for a score and FSU built a quick 14-0 edge in taking control. The Bulldogs rolled up 530 yards of total offense and the FSU defense held the Eagles to 130 total yards, including only 21 rushing yards on 27 attempts.

Ferris State junior quarterback Trinidad Chambliss picked up right were he left off the previous week by completing 23-of-30 passes for 286 yards and two scores. He also ran for two touchdowns in the victory.

Following Brett's game-opening return for a score, the Bulldog defense held and the offense marched 75 yards in only eight plays on its first possession to take a two-score lead less than seven minutes into the game on Chambliss' one-yard scoring run.

Ashland earned its only points late in the first quarter on a 30-yard field goal from A.J. Rhodes on a drive that covered 62 yards, but was aided by a couple of key Bulldog penalties.

However, Ferris State increased its lead in the second period as Chambliss engineered an 80-yard jaunt that resulted in a two-yard TD run from tailback Kannon Katzer, making the score 20-3 in FSU's favor. Later, the Bulldogs increased the margin to 27-3 when Jeremiah Lee hauled in a 12-yard scoring throw with 6:29 left in the half, capping a five-play, 61-yard journey to pay dirt.

The Bulldog defense got into the scoring act by stopping the Eagles in the end zone for a safety and on the following possession, FSU drove 63 yards in 12 plays and took more than five minutes off the clock before scoring on a seven-yard run from Chambliss to close the opening half.

Ferris State added the game's only score of the second half when Chambliss found senior receiver and former Cassopolis standout Tyrese Hunt-Thompson on an 11-yard touchdown throw less than four minutes into the third period to finish off a 48-yard scoring drive.

From there, the Bulldogs were able to milk the clock and FSU utilized several substitutes the rest of the way.

Ferris Tate rolled up 197 yards on the ground, including a team-high 63 yards from Markel King, and threw for 333 overall in the triumph. The Bulldogs had 30 first downs in the game. James Gilbert hauled in a squad-best five grabs for 54 yards while Emari O'Brien netted four catches for 85 yards while Hunt-Thompson finished with four receptions for 49 yards. Cam Underwood also made three catches and had 68 yards receiving.

Defensively, the Bulldogs allowed 109 yards passing to the Eagles and only the 21 yards rushing. AU quarterback Trevor Bycznski finished nine-of-24 passing for 109 yards, but was also intercepted twice.

FSU's defense was paced by senior linebacker Jason Williams with five tackles, including assisting on a sack and a tackle for loss. Michael Edwards, Sefa Saipaia and Stanley Lambert all chipped in with five tackles as well.

The Bulldogs, who are 2-1 overall, will have a bye on the schedule this coming week and return to play on Saturday, Sept. 28, with a long non-conference road contest at American International in Springfield, Mass. Kickoff is set for 12 p.m. (ET).

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physical up front and run the ball. The running backs blocked well, the O line did a great job. I had guys come in because they got injured and another guy stepped up and didn't stop nothing.

Davis said the physical nature of last week's 38-16 loss to Hudson helped the Chieftains Friday against the Panthers.

"That was probably the most physical team we've seen in a long time," Davis said. "We put them on the schedule for that reason. We wanted to test ourselves and it made us even tougher for this week because those kids understood, that's a tough team. We came out, we fought with them, a state power and we brought it to this week. I'm so proud of them for learning not getting down on themselves but to learn from us."

Dowagiac faces Marshall (1-2) at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20. The Redhawks are coming off a two-game losing streak after falling to Sturgis 28-8.

It's going to take this effort a little more and not shoot ourselves in the foot again,"- Davis said. "We can't give away yards and give up touchdowns because we made mistakes. Marshall's a big powerhouse team, good up front with good back. So we gotta be better. We'll get back to the grind on Sunday and back at the film and we'll be alright."

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The meeting will convene at Noon. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the Bertrand Charter Township Hall, 3835 Buffalo Road, Buchanan, MI. The Public Accuracy Test will follow immediately after meeting adjournment.
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Posted by: Polly White
Bertrand Charter Township Clerk
Date: September 13, 2024
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23	Henry Krueger
30	Curtis Sheldon
49	Miranda Wendzel
53	Pamela Murphy
57	Nathan Haynes

J & J Storage, 2220 S. 13th Street and 2627 S. 11th Street, Niles, MI 49120. Auction Saturday September 28, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

33	Tammera Carbon
60	Samantha Williams
79	William Morris
97	Blake King
140	Ronnie West
189	Dawn Ngiramulei
238/466	James Diss
263	Tamara Holmes
292	The Woodshed Crafts
343	Linda Morris
345	Carol Morrow
367	Steve Dickey/Jackie Libertowski
373	Rhonda Sue Outlaw
410/333	Tina Hollis
426	James Schilling
443	Autum Collins

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STORAGE AUCTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 CITY OF NILES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NILES: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Niles who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.
The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday October 21, 2024.**
After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL168.497) at the City of Niles Clerk's office, located at 333 N. 2 nd St., Niles, MI 49120 at the following times:
• Regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. excluding 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
• Saturday, November 2 nd from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
• Election Day, Tuesday, November 5 th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
The General Election ballot includes electing the President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives for U.S. Congress, State Representatives, County Offices, State, Community and Local School Offices, Local Offices, and Local Proposal.
Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.
Tina Bergman
City of Niles Clerk

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REGISTRATION

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

2014 Chrysler Town & Country 2C4RC1HG8ER236754 will be sold at auction for fees owed $2210.00 at 10 am October 5, 2024 at 52072 IN 933 in South Bend, IN 46637

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Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In the Matter of the Eugene J. Henderson Revocable Living Trust
Social Security No. x x x - x x-8558
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS;
Your interest in the property of the deceased may be barred or affected by this Notice.
NOTICE: Please take notice that Eugene J. Henderson died on August 4, 2024. At the time of death, there were no assets requiring administration through Court proceedings. All assets were jointly held, had designed succession or were part of the Revocable Living Trust of Eugene J. Henderson. Patrick McCullough is the Trustee. The deceased lived at 120 Bridle Path Lane, Niles, MI 49120.
Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee or the attorney for the Trust or to both within four (4) months of the date of publication of this Notice. Notice is further given that the Trust assets will then be assigned to persons designated in the Trust.

Dated: September 11, 2024

John R. Colip (P25250)
12 Longmeadow Village Drive, Suite 100
Niles, MI 49120
Phone: (269) 695-3849

Patrick McCullough
120 Bridle Path Lane
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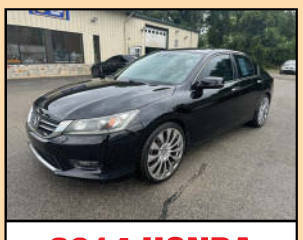

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